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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: SIMPLE MAJORITY FOR MPLA: NEXT STEPS AT
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GHANAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA AND OAU, WHOM WE CONSIDER AMONG MOST EXPERIENCED, INFLUENTIAL AND BEST INFORMED DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS HERE (AND WHOSE IDENTITY AS SOURCE MUST BE COMPLETELY PROTECTED HE TOLD US FOLLOWING FEB 3:

1. MOST ACUTE CONCERN OF MPLA PARTISANS IN OAU ("GROUP IN WHICH I NOW FIND MYSELF") WITH RESPECT TO UPCOMING ORDINARY OAU CM IS THAT FNLA/UNITA PARTISANS WILL MUSTER BLOCKING THIRD TO PREVENT ACHIEVEMENT OF QUORUM AT OAU CM THUS PARALYZING OAU ON ANGOLA.
 2. GHANAIN AMBASSADOR THEN WENT OVER ANTICIPATED SCENARIO, IN ALL RESPECTS SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED REFTEL, ON MANNER IN WHICH OAU CM LIKELY APPROACH REQUEST FOR ADMISSION OF MPLA REGIME AS GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. HE SAID THAT JUST PRIOR TO OR JUST FOLLOWING THE CRUCIAL MOMENT IN THE PROCEEDINGS, WHEN THE CM IS EXPECTED TO DECIDE ON A SIMPLE MAJORITY BASIS THE ADMISSION OF THE MPLA DELEGATION AS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA TO OAU, FNLA/UNITA PARTISANS MAY SIMPLY WALK OUT PRECLUDING A QUORUM AND BRINGING COUNCIL ACTION TO A HALT.
 3. HE ALSO WONDERED WHETHER IN ADDITION TO THE ANTICIPATED PRESENCE HERE OF AN MPLA DELEGATION (QUITE POSSIBLY, HE THOUGHT, HEADED BY NETO), FNLA/UNITA WOULD ALSO SEND A DELEGATION NOTWITHSTANDING THE EVOLVING SITUATION ON THE GROUND IN ANGOLA. CLEARLY, ABSENT AN FNLA/UNITA DELEGATION THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CM OF GOVERNMENTS LEANING TO FNLA/UNITA MIGHT WELL BE LESS INCLINED TO DISRUPT THE OAU. THEY MIGHT FEEL NO RPT NO NEED TO BE MORE ROYALIST THAN THE KING.
- HUMMEL

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